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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** 10/02/2008  
**SUBJECT:** Weekly Report  
**FROM:** Kathleen Johnson  
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Office of Public Affairs  
**TO:** Wayne Nastri  
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Deputy Regional Administrator

**I. Top News Stories of the week**

## Redacted - Related to Other Matters

**Greka Violates Enforcement Order: U.S. EPA Takes Over.** U.S. EPA assumes control of critical activities at Greka's Gato Ponds Greka Oil and Gas, Inc. has failed to meet multiple clean up deadlines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at their Gato Ponds lease. As a result, the EPA has assumed control of a portion of clean up activities at Gato Ponds in Santa Maria. Mary Simms issued press release 10/1/08. Rob Wise participated in press conference hosted by Assemblymember Pedro Nava and discussed EPA's recent actions. More than 40 TV and print media outlets have covered the EPA's assumption of certain clean up activities at Gato Ponds including: the Los Angeles Times, Santa Barbara News-Press, San Luis Obispo KSBY NBC TV, San Jose Mercury News, Chico Enterprise Record, Sacramento Bee, KABC-TV ABC 7 Los Angeles, Modesto Bee, KTVN-TV Channel 2 Reno (NV), KGET-TV (CA), KESQ News Channel 3, KPSP-TV CBS 2 Palm Springs, Riverside Press-Enterprise, San Francisco Chronicle, The Monterey County Herald, Santa Barbara Daily Nexus, Lompoc Record, San Diego Daily Transcript, KSWT-TV, AZ, CBS 47, CA, San Diego 6, Press-Enterprise, KGET 17, Times-Standard, Modesto Bee, KTVN, NV, San Luis Obispo Tribune, and the Contra Costa Times. Rob Wise, Dan Meer, and Mary Simms are quoted.

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**II. Hot issues by State and Tribe**  
*Arizona*

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*California*

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*Hawaii*

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*Nevada*

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*Pacific Territories*

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III. Children's Health/Environmental Education

IV. Compliance Assurance

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V. Web/Publishing

VI. Video Communications

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VII. General

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Attachments: Congressional Correspondence Controlled & FOIA

Congressional Correspondence - *Controlled by HQ to Region IX*

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Overdue FOIA Assignments

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VIII. Items for Office of Planning and Public Affairs